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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of the Twenty-first Meeting, 27 Sept. 1960

MEMBERS PRESENT

AEC	- Mrs. Doris M. Freer
AIR	- Maj. George E. Kudravetz
	- Maj. Elias Bacha
ARMY	- Mr. Richard W. Bauer
STATE	- Mr. William McAfee
	Mr. John J. Morrow
CIA	- [REDACTED]

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OTHERS PARTICIPATING

AGRIC	- Mr. Kirby Payne
AIR	- Mr. Charles A. Brophy, Jr.
	- Mr. Donald W. Anderson
CIA	- [REDACTED]
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	- [REDACTED]
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LC	- Mr. Lewis C. Coffin
NLM	- Mr. Scott Adams
NSF	- Mr. Karl E. Olson
STATE	- Mr. Byron B. Morton, Jr.
	- Mr. Sidney Friedland
USIA	- Mr. L. King Quan

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1. Assistant Publications Procurement Officer, Moscow. Mr. Byron B. Morton, Jr., the former Assistant Publications Procurement Officer at Moscow, was introduced and asked to comment. Mr. Morton addressed himself to the complaint concerning the manner in which large shipments, instead of shipments reasonably spaced, have been received in Washington. He asserted this is no fault of the Embassy Moscow, and suggested that the State Department pouch service be checked. The Chairman and others inquired about any noticeable decrease in the availability of USSR scientific and technical publications, and the availability of U.S. or Communist Chinese publications in Russian translation. Mr. Morton stated that there is actually an increase in availability of USSR publications, but that U.S. books in translation, as well as Communist Chinese translations are not in evidence. Mr. Morton will be available for more detailed discussions and can be reached through [redacted]. 25X1A9a

2. Minutes of the 20th Meeting. Approved, with the exception of the supplement, which is being revised, incorporating the changes suggested by the Army member.

3. Report by Mr. Scott Adams. In his former capacity with the National Science Foundation Mr. Adams, now Deputy Director of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), attended a meeting of the International Federation for Documentation (FID) in Rio de Janeiro. He reported that Sovbloc representation at the conference was minimal, with no USSR delegation, apparently because the appropriate USSR group was dissatisfied with some of the political maneuvering regarding the scientific secretariat of the FID. Mr. Adams believed further that the logical head of the USSR delegation, Aleksandra I. Mikhaylov, was himself under criticism from the Presidium of the Academy of the USSR. (cf. CIA Scientific Information Report, 26 August 1960, p. 122) Mr. Adams inquired of the satellite delegates whether they are receiving Communist Chinese scientific and technical publications. They are, especially the Czech Institute of Technical and Economic Information and the Polish Academy of Science, and might be receptive to exchange. Mr. Adams suggested that lists of receipts might be solicited. The Chairman offered CIA financing of microfilming for this project. Mr. Adams visited a limited number of local scientific and technical centers and ascertained that they have only scattered holdings of USSR and Communist Chinese publications. Local bookstores checked had nothing significant in these fields.

Mr. Adams also reported on a conversation he had with Dr. T. H. Cheng, Pennsylvania State University, who spent 6 months in Hong Kong establishing a small institute for the advancement of science. Dr. Cheng plays down the translation capability in biological sciences available in Hong Kong. Dr. Cheng had his opinion on why the Communist Chinese have placed a ban on the export of their scientific publications: a) obvious military implications of their use, and b) because the Communist Chinese read a story in the N. Y. Times about U.S. interest in their science, they are denying access for spite.

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In his present capacity at the National Library of Medicine, Mr. Adams called attention to the open and effective exchange that the University of Maryland Library, on behalf of NLM, is having, particularly with the National Library at Peking. Sample receipts of current publications were passed around.

4. Mr. Karl E. Olsoni. Mr. Olsoni, National Science Foundation, briefed PROCIB on a conversation he had with Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Krader, of American University, who had recently attended the International Conference of Orientalists in Moscow. They reported that the Communist Chinese boycotted the Conference; according to the Russians, because the Chinese did not want to meet with American "imperialists." Although the next Conference was scheduled to be held in the U.S., Russian maneuvering resulted in having it re-scheduled for New Delhi. Mrs. Krader stated that she felt the general atmosphere in Moscow was cool, whereas, by contrast, a subsequent visit to Bulgaria was decidedly warm and friendly.

Mr. Olsoni distributed copies of and reported from the August-September 1960 issue of Scientific Information Notes, calling particular attention to the detailed announcement (p. 4-5) of the Symposium on Communist Chinese science to be held in New York 26-27 December 1960. The Chairman expressed the hope that the papers presented at the Symposium will be available sooner than is usual in such cases.

The most recent information is that the papers will be published in the Spring of 1961. The National Science Foundation expressed appreciation for the extensive support it received from CIA, which made quantities of material available to the Symposium. In connection with this, Mr. Adams queried PROCIB members on the possibility of Science running an editorial chiding the Communist Chinese on their denial program, the implication being that the advancement of science in the People's Republic will be retarded by the ban. The Chairman and the State Department members will check their respective agencies for reaction to this idea.

5. Union List of Communist Chinese Serial Publications. By way of background, Mr. 25X1A9a [] reported on current receipts in the Acquisitions Branch of the CIA Library.

In 1959, 68 Communist Chinese newspaper titles were received, 46 through open sources and 22 through special sources; 390 journal titles, 385 through open and 5 through special sources. In 1960, 60 newspapers were received, 38 open and 22 special; 156 journals, 141 open and 15 special. Moscow has been a profitable source. There is an increasing time lag in the receipt of the journals. Whereas in 1959, 3-4 weeks was the average, in 1960 it is 3-4 months. [] stated that although an unclassified list of serial publications would cover a majority of the receipts, a classified list would cover all and would include many of the most wanted titles. In 25X1A9a

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response to a question from the Chairman, Mr. Adams reported that efforts are being made to get an unclassified list prepared outside of PROCIB. He had received correspondence from Mr. Raymond Nunn, University of Michigan, suggesting to the National Science Foundation a conference on the subject of interest in and holdings of Communist Chinese material. There was considerable discussion as to the type of list to prepare, whether merely a list of titles received (preferred by the Army member, for example) or a more comprehensive list of actual holdings. It was agreed to publish a classified list of USIB member holdings of Communist Chinese serial publications. Mr. Bauer, Army, announced that the Communist Chinese Liberation Army Daily is available at very high cost to Army sources.

6. Postal problem. The Chairman asked for a current reading on the problem of postal delays in the receipt of Communist Chinese materials by various U.S. organizations. Mr. Olson, NSF, stated that the evidence on delay is not conclusive; action is delayed for further study.

7. Temporary Publications Procurement Officer for Latin America. In connection with the correspondence between the Chairman and Mr. McAfee and discussion of the problem at the previous meeting of PROCIB, the Chairman submitted an estimate of \$5,000 to cover the expenses of a temporary Publications Procurement Officer for Latin America. CIA proposes [REDACTED] for this TDY, and would be prepared to pay \$2,000 towards his expenses, plus his salary. The Chairman asked the other members to indicate support in payment of expenses, exclusive of money for actual procurement. NSF, Agriculture and NSA will probably contribute; L.C., Army and Air will not. AEC, State and USIA are studying the matter. 25X1A9a

8. Membership List. Since there have been changes in the membership, the chairman requested each organization represented on PROCIB to ensure that it has a current letter on file with the Secretary, indicating name of regular participant, alternate and their respective security clearances. After these have been received, a new membership list will be issued.

9. Next Meeting. On the 25th of October 1960, at 10:30 a.m., PROCIB will meet in the in the Acquisitions Branch, CIA Library, Arlington Towers, for a briefing and tour of its operations. A map showing location and how to get there is attached. No separate agenda will be provided for this meeting.

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